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ON MY MIND



by William E. Traylor (AMA-1)

This was an exceptional year for the Academy's Combined Federal Campaign. We increased our contributions by 15.8% over last year, added new and exciting fundraisers and had the best group of key workers at the MMAC. Our most successful "new" campaign fundraiser was the opportunity to win one of two 7-day cruises. We raised \$5,850.00 and the lucky winners were Janelle Roth (AML-42) and Jan Tobey (AMA-240). AMA-400 sponsored the chocolate fountain fundraiser that drew the biggest crowd at the carnival, selling bananas and strawberries, which raised a whopping \$795.00. The AMA-900 sponsored scooters were a "hot" ticket, raising \$1,560.00! Winner Janice Kurak of AMC-9 is now cruising through her neighborhood on an electric bike.

The enthusiasm for the campaign was evident. Nine division and branch rallies were held, with visits from agencies as diverse as Paws With a Cause – you should have met Bonnie, the Labrador; to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. We filled their truck with 1,300 pounds of food!

Our Air Bear, Blue #4, took second place in the early-bird derby. Academy employees generously gave \$16,088.64 more than last year, for an overall total of \$52,017.11! As a result, the Academy was one of the recipients of the Rising Star Award in the local DOT campaign with a 46% increase in pledges and a 42% increase in the participation rate.

Thanks to all Academy employees, contractors, and support personnel. I would like to personally thank Don Bowen and Jacki Graham (AMA-100); Madeline Clevenger (AMA-200); Barbara King (AMA-300); Jess Ussrey (AMA-400); Kelley Phillips and Janlyn Dickson (AMA-500); and Glenda Wilson-Calhoun and David Juarez (AMA-800). Dina Jones (AMA-530), served as Academy Treasurer, and Betty Bledsoe (AMA-100), served as Co-Chair. The Academy has accepted the chairmanship for the MMAC campaign in 2005. Cathy Turner (AMA-910) and Keith Chapman (AMA-230), have volunteered to serve as the Academy CFC Coordinators.

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Academy Awards & Recognition

The following Academy employees received official recognition for the months of April through September 2004.
(Official Recognition includes: Letter of Commendation, Lump Sum Monetary Award, Group Lump Sum Monetary Award, Time Off Award, or Quality Step Increase.)

Official Recognition

Name	Rtg
Robert Igo	AMA-1
Clarissa Renner	AMA-1
William Traylor	AMA-1
Pam Wells	AMA-1
Betty Bledsoe	AMA-100
Linda More	AMA-100
Jamie Nicely	AMA-100
James Pearl	AMA-100
Connie Pranter	AMA-100
Donnita Quintero	AMA-100
Julie Souder	AMA-100
Susan Bramante	AMA-110
Carolyn Dodd	AMA-110
LeDonna Kluge	AMA-110
Diane Lafleur	AMA-110
Kim McDill	AMA-110
Marilyn Sneed	AMA-110
Rick Williams-Gayler	AMA-110
Janice Wright	AMA-110
Sandra Horn	AMA-200
Madeline Clevenger	AMA-220
Carmen Delgado	AMA-220
Dennis DeLano	AMA-220
Russell Burke	AMA-220
Dennis Delano	AMA-220
Gerald Higley	AMA-220
Deborah Anderson	AMA-230
James Chandler	AMA-230
Robert Dippi	AMA-230
Arturo Hernandez	AMA-230
Kathie Marshall	AMA-230
Roy Sees	AMA-230
Mark McConaughy	AMA-240
James Porter	AMA-240
Rochelle Brisco	AMA-250
Richard Delano	AMA-250
Peter Doelger	AMA-250
Randall Holder	AMA-250
Mark Jacobs	AMA-250
James Reedy	AMA-250
Joseph Souza	AMA-250
Tony Wasson	AMA-250
William Benhoff	AMA-260
Glenn Lanter	AMA-260
Judy Lee	AMA-260
Karie Skipper	AMA-260
Marilyn Smith	AMA-260
Deborah Wilcox	AMA-260
Don Williams	AMA-260
Darla Burns	AMA-300

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Name	Rtg
Peggy Fish	AMA-300
Dominic Hammond	AMA-300
Virginia Hughes	AMA-300
Kevin Lowe	AMA-300
Joe Little	AMA-300
Craig Burson	AMA-310
Allan Dolezal	AMA-310
Linda Fennell	AMA-310
Forrest Schrum	AMA-310
Jerry Sparks	AMA-310
Eva Eaton	AMA-400
Judy Holcomb	AMA-400
Ray Sorise	AMA-400
Regina Strain	AMA-400
Kyrach Hacker	AMA-405
Jane Mondt	AMA-405
Edward Thompson	AMA-405
David Brown	AMA-410
Steven Arvidson	AMA-410
Larry Driver	AMA-410
Samuel Hall	AMA-410
Kenneth Harton	AMA-410
Clyde Keene	AMA-410
Richard Manning	AMA-410
Gary Pierson	AMA-410
Howard Ashmore	AMA-420
Robert Pierce	AMA-420
Donald Espinosa	AMA-430
Eric Graro	AMA-440
James Kilpatrick	AMA-440
Paul Parenica	AMA-440
Charles Shaulis	AMA-440
Sylvester Tillman	AMA-440
Paula Wolff	AMA-440
Pam Jeffers	AMA-450
Chuck Spaulding	AMA-450
Carol Hobson	AMA-460
Cheryl Price	AMA-460
Emily Wilson-Godinet	AMA-460
Gary Scranage	AMA-470
Mark Mitchell	AMA-470
Christopher Hassell	AMA-470
Stephen Hastings	AMA-470
Dee Ann Tasler	AMA-470
Ronald Brownell	AMA-480
Cynthia Kirk	AMA-480
Kim Kitz	AMA-480
Laurie Ching	AMA-480
Manuel Torre	AMA-480
Michael Marxen	AMA-490
James Skalsky	AMA-490

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Name	Rtg
Kim Kitz	AMA-480
Laurie Ching	AMA-480
Manuel Torre	AMA-480
Michael Beaver	AMA-490
David Criswell	AMA-511
Edward Ramon	AMA-511
Grant Allen	AMA-512
Clint Windom	AMA-512
Alan Zelezni	AMA-512
Christopher Brannan	AMA-513
Terry Craft	AMA-513
Theresa Mount	AMA-513
Esther Lloyd	AMA-521
Ronald Ward	AMA-521
Charles Ellsworth	AMA-522
Eric Gandrud	AMA-522
Larry Shaver	AMA-522
Danny Williams	AMA-522
Danny Williams	AMA-522
Susan Buriak	AMA-530
Quent Burris	AMA-530
Mary Pistocco	AMA-530
Jeri Monier	AMA-900

Service Recognition

Rtg	Name	Yrs
AMA-220	Russell Burke	25
AMA-240	Ralph Holliday	10
AMA-250	Roger Heard	25
AMA-250	Randall Holder	15
AMA-250	Richard Parmelee	10
AMA-250	James Reedy	20
AMA-300	Joe Little	5
AMA-410	Samuel Hall	10
AMA-410	Clyde Keene	15
AMA-420	Howard Ashmore	15
AMA-430	Stephen Mason	40
AMA-440	Kenneth Hilliard	30
AMA-440	Dee Ann Tasler	30
AMA-440	Vincent Wisner	25
AMA-450	Daniel Smith	15
AMA-450	Jose Vasquez	25
AMA-490	Michael Marxen	30
AMA-501	Andrew Anderson	20
AMA-512	Larry Ahlschwede	35
AMA-514	Clifford Shelder	30
AMA-522	Lora Lester	15
AMA-522	Larry Shaver	30
AMA-530	Jeffrey Bloom	20
AMA-530	Susan Buriak	15

Congratulations

KELVIN STEVENSON RECEIVES PATHFINDER AWARD

by Cathy Turner (AMA-900)



Kelvin Stevenson, Electronics Technician, NAS Technical Services Division—Radar/Automation Branch (AMA-920), was the proud recipient of the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center's 2004 Pathfinder Award. Our commitment to increasing the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS) specifically identified within the FAA Flight Plan and reflected in the ARC and AMC business plans, is dependent upon dedicated individuals like Kelvin. He identified and mitigated numerous installation concerns, successfully insuring the completion of the FAA Academy Airport Surface Detection Equipment (ASDE-X) training facility. Without Kelvin's efforts, the August 2004 performance target would not have been met.

From March 1, 2004, to September 1, 2004, Kelvin demonstrated outstanding effort and dedication by working long and difficult hours in support of the FAA Flight Plan runway incursion improvement initiative. Kelvin's efforts during this period are expected to result in an improved safety record for the NAS. His efforts were central to the successful accomplishment of a Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center key performance target, enabling the timely completion of the ASDE-X training environment.

Kelvin identified and coordinated several milestones related to the ASDE-X project completion. In fact, without his willingness to identify and initiate corrective actions, key discrepancies and concerns would have remained undetected and uncorrected, making the successful completion of the performance target highly unlikely.

Kelvin's dedication to the completion of the ASDE-X training facility, coupled with his outstanding work effort, has directly contributed to the success of this important NAS system deployment.



Pictured from left to right: Lindy Ritz, Director (AMC-1); General Thomas P. Stafford; Kelvin Stevenson (AMA-920); and Dick Rodine, Deputy Director (AMC-2)

Way to Go Kelvin !

ANNOUNCING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NEW ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER

by Ann Saxton (AMA-610)

Several Academy divisions will start the new year in "new" classroom space in the Academy Headquarters Building. The nine-month long renovation project, funded by Airport Trust Bond monies, is now completed. An "Academy Learning Center" has been created in the renovated space of the Academy Building basement.

The Academy Building renovation project utilized approximately 11,000 square feet in the basement to create/support 13 "generic-use" classrooms. These classrooms have been assigned for Airports, Airway Facilities, Regulatory Standards, and International training. The first classes in the new classrooms are scheduled to start in January 2005.

In conjunction with the construction project, the Academy implemented an initiative to maximize space utilization. Based on the cooperative efforts of all divisions, numerous classroom relocations have been coordinated in an effort to collocate division training for efficiency purposes. These moves will take place throughout December and January.



The Academy Learning Center offers a shared training environment which is available to all divisions. When classrooms are not being used for Academy training, the space will be available to outside organizations. Twelve classrooms have been set up for "generic" training. One large classroom will hold up to 30 students; the rest are designed to accommodate up to 16 students. In addition, one automated classroom with 16 student PC's has been set up.

The NAS Technical Services Division (AMA-900) will provide direct support for the Academy Learning Center. A dedicated support office has been set up in Room B32. To schedule training or reserve classroom space in the Academy Learning Center, contact Cathy Turner (AMA-900), x4-4590.

Combined Federal Campaign



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Congratulations to the Winners of the "Academy Employee Only" Early Bird drawings:



Vicki Turner (AMA-900)
 Madeline Clevenger (AMA-220)
 Mary Frees (AMA-920)
 Mitra Cutter (AMA-460)
 Gwen Sawyer (AMA-530)
 Chuck Spaulding (AMA-450)
 Paula Wolff (AMA-440)
 Cheryl Price (AMA-460)

\$45 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card
 Hooter's Wing Party for 10 Friends
 \$79 Candlewood Suites & \$10 Chili's Gift Card
 \$25 Hobby Lobby Gift Card
 \$10 Taste of China Gift Card
 \$15 Johnnie's Gift Card
 One Weekend Night Stay @ AmeriSuites
 \$10 Chili's Gift Card



Hosts of the CFC Halloween Program: Tweet Coleman (AMA-800); Staurt Tidball, Contractor; and Betty Bledsoe (AMA-100)



Academy—Cruise/Scooter Booth: Cathy Turner and Vicki Turner (AMA-900)



Academy Booth at CFC Carnival: Mike Marxen (AMA-490) and Connie Pranter (AMA-100)



Academy CFC Coordinators—Front Row: Barbara King (AMA-300); Glenda Wilson-Calhoun (AMA-800); Kim Shephard (AMP-1). Second: Dina Jones (AMA-530); Kelly Phillips (AMA-500); Jacki Graham (AMA-100). Third: Cathy Turner, AMA Coordinator (AMA-900); Madeline Clevenger (AMA-220); Don Bowen (AMA-100); Jess Ussrey (AMA-430). Back Row: Betty Bledsoe, CFC Co-Chair (AMA-100)

English in Aviation: What's up?

by Jenny Chong (AMA-800)



International Training Division

To spread expertise in English for Aviation teaching, the International Training Division (AMA-800) continues the process of building resources with a university consortium. Emphasis is on creating specific Air Traffic materials, developing qualified instructors, and preparing appropriate tests.

AMA-800 is working to address safety issues arising from weak English language proficiency that has contributed to many air incidents and accidents. As a result of global concerns in this area, new International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) practices were introduced by the 188 signatory states in 2003.

The prototype, English for Air Traffic Course, was conducted in the Wes Watkins Center at Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, Oklahoma, from late November to December 17, 2004. Twelve course participants were invited from the Civil Aviation Authority in Central and South America to take part in the prototype. These Spanish speakers created a solid basis on which to judge and measure course content. All 12 of the participants stayed in the University's Scott Hall, developing their professional English in class for five hours daily, and later informally in the student areas of Stillwater.

Gonzalo Ugarte, an Air Traffic (AT) Controller in Viña Del Mar, Chile, was accompanied by two Chilean Colleagues and by Central American Corporation of Services for Air Navigation (COCESNA) Roberto Sosa, Glencio Vasquez, and Arlix Ortiz, from Honduras. They read, listened, and discussed in-class activities on good communication, Automatic Terminal Information Service, and Flight Information Services. Also, they improved the AT language for taxiing, departures, approaches, as well as handling daily self-paced program exercises and presentations on aviation themes.

Colombia sent the sole woman; Martha Gonzalez from Bogotá, with other controllers from Colombia and Costa Rica. The students attended an OSU basketball game, visited the Cowboy Hall of Fame, shopped at Quail Springs Mall, visited historic Guthrie for the Victorian Walk, a seasonal Wassail Night, and even a bluegrass concert. This cultural program made up part of the 2-hour Acquisition Lab of the daily programming, where learners use their English informally, acquiring fluency and confidence that transfers directly to the English they use at work.

Our southern neighbors provided an efficient test-bed for course work to be delivered, scored and criticized, adjusted, and improved so that the projected rollout of the course in 2005 to priority customers will be on tried and tested grounds.

The practical English for Air Traffic Course for intermediate learners targets voice-to-voice and face-to-face communications in radiotelephony in air traffic, and prepares learners for international Air Traffic courses in the Federal Aviation Administration Academy. Target vocabulary, for example, aims for accurate and effective communication on common, concrete, and aviation work-related topics. When lacking vocabulary in unusual or unexpected circumstances, participants practice paraphrasing in order to achieve successful communication.

AMA-800 is developing a second course, **Introduction to Aviation English**, which is for low intermediate learners who can read English, and aims to reach the ICAO pre-operational level 3. It activates latent English skills for learners to undertake specific aviation career training delivered in English. This course is planned to be on trial in early 2005.

For additional information on International courses, please visit our website:

<http://www.academy.faa.gov/>
Click on International Training

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WHAT TO DO... WHERE TO GO?



- Jan 1 Happy New Year—2005
Harlem Globetrotters
Ford Center, 2:00 p.m.
- Jan 13 & 27 Toastmasters, MPB/205,
11:30-12:30 p.m.
- Jan 17 Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Birthday Observed
Larry The Cable Guy
Ford Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 21 Sassy, Brassy Broadway,
Civic Center
- Jan 27 AMA Management
Quarterly Meeting
- Jan 28-30 Professional Bull Riding
Ford Center



- NFL Super Bowl XXXIX
- Feb 10 Steven Curtis Chapman
Ford Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 21 Presidents' Day
- Feb 25-26 Monster Jam
Ford Center, 8:00 p.m.

Communications Corner

by Michaela Hooper (AMA-600)

Better Communication- Toastmasters Can Help

In a world where communication skills are under scrutiny and many times breaking down, your best ideas deserve your best words. By learning to effectively formulate, express, and sell your ideas to others, you open a whole new world of career possibilities. You'll be more persuasive and confident when giving presentations. You'll even improve your one-on-one interactions with others.

An excellent source for communication improvement is Toastmasters. The local Flyers & Floaters Toastmasters Club here at the Center meets every other Thursday in Multi Purpose Building, Room 205. Both inexperienced and experienced speakers come together to learn and benefit in a relaxed atmosphere. Here's where you can **practice** delivery, evaluation and listening skills, speaking impromptu, and thinking on your feet. You will be kindly evaluated and guided toward improvement. Or, maybe you're one that could bring special experiences that all would gain from hearing and you gain from sharing. We have speeches, seminars, words for the day, quotes for the day and awards to the best speakers, and sometimes refreshments. Come and join us at the next scheduled meeting. Upcoming meeting dates are:

January 13 and January 27
Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

You can contact Mikie Hooper (AMA-610), x4-4608 or Al Miller, (AMC-9), x4-5552 for more information. We'd love to have you!



Bill Price, Department of Airports, gives a speech about Tenkiller Lake at a recent Toastmasters Meeting.

Chinese Training in OKC

by Jenny Chong (AMA-800)



A Safety Risk Management workshop was conducted for 19 high-ranking Chinese Aviation officials at the FAA Academy, November 1-12, 2004. The Chinese Delegates were Directors and Deputy Directors General of the Civil Aviation Authority of China (CAAC) and came together from nearly every economic region of the country. China has three international airlines, six regional airlines, and explosive growth in the aviation industry.

The workshop was designed in response to specific requirements requested by the CAAC. The course included many guest speakers presenting detailed information on such topics as system safety risk management, air transportation oversight system (ATOS), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13, safety culture, FAA compliance and enforcement procedures, runway safety, and various other venues.

While in Oklahoma City, the Chinese delegation interfaced with four major universities visiting the University of Oklahoma's Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS), Oklahoma State University's Aviation Language Development Program, Oklahoma City University campus, and Rose State Community College.

During the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly in October 2004, Administrator Blakey stressed the importance of bilateral cooperation with China and international training remains one of FAA's primary goals. This workshop's goal was to make a positive impact on international aviation safety and provide proven techniques the CAAC officials could implement when they returned to China. The ITD division is looking forward to providing additional courses to China.



Academy Strategic Plan Feedback

<http://www.academy.faa.gov/intranet/straPlan.asp>

Flight Plan Performance Targets

<http://intra.apo.faa.gov/pbviews>

E-Learning Courses

<http://www.academy.faa.gov/>

Employee Association—Bookstore

<http://www.eabookstore.com/>

Employee Express

<http://www.employeeexpress.gov>

FAA Employees Credit Union

<http://www.faaecu.org/>

FAA Find—Directory

<http://www.find.faa.gov/>

FAA Purchase Card/Check

<http://www.faapcard.amc.faa.gov/>

Federal Long Term Care

<http://www.opm.gov>

FY-04 Reimbursable Course Pricing Catalog

<http://www.academy.jccbi.gov>

The catalog may be accessed by using any of the following links on the Academy's home page: 1) Training Catalog, 2) Training Opportunities, or 3) User Guides

Health and Safety Committee

<http://www.intranet.amc.faa.gov/amp/safety>

MMAC Restaurant Menu

<http://www.aramarkcafe.com/gov>

Quotable Quotes



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Send your comments/ideas/articles to Carolyn
Dodd (AMA-110) or Connie Pranter (AMA-100)

*"None of us suddenly
becomes something
overnight. The preparations
have been in the making for a
lifetime"*

-Gail Godwin

*"The seeds of great
discoveries are con-
stantly floating around,
but they only take root in
minds well prepared
to receive"*

-Joseph Henry



TRAINING STATISTICS—FY-04

Training Completions

Resident	13,482
OAT/Field	7,129
International	1,060
Distance Learning	
Aviation Training Network	15,070
E-Learning	7,938
Computer-Based Instruction	6,141
Correspondence Study	3,291
Sub-Total—Distance Learning	32,440
Total Training Completions	54,111

Other Academy Statistics

# Classes Conducted	
# Student Resident Hours	1,098,856
# Student Days	137,357
# Student Weeks	
# Field CBI Hours	233,178
# New Courses	102



Congratulations to Robert Graham, Manager, Regulatory Standards Division (AMA-200), who recently received his 35 year service pin. Al Mitchell (AMA-600), Acting AMA-1, presented pin during November staff meeting.

My sincere appreciation to all the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and FAA Academy employees who have donated leave to me during my surgery and recent complications.

You are truly "good" people. Thank you for your generosity.

Pam Quinn
System Support Team (AMA-100C)

